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FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

Dear FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell:

As an Early Childhood Educator, I was disappointed to learn that the FCC is pursuing a major policy initiative in the area of its media ownership rules without first considering how such rule changes will affect children.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. There is no question that media plays a powerful role in the lives of our nation's children, having the ability to educate and inform children's attitudes, behaviors, and understanding of the world in both positive and negative ways.

The outcomes of FCC decisions could carry high stakes for children. Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

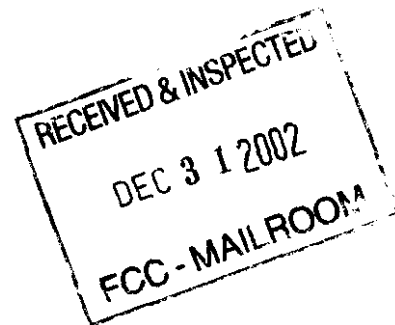
I urge the FCC to address the needs of children in this proceeding

Sincerely,


Gregg Mau

cc:

Representative Martin Sabo
Senator Mark Dayton
Member-Elect Norm Coleman



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